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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of **Kenji SUGIYAMA** for **VARIABLE PICTURE RATE CODING/DECODING METHOD AND APPARATUS**. The application comprises a 57-page specification, including 24 claims (24 independent) and Abstract and 17 sheets of drawings, and a Declaration and Power of Attorney (3 sheets in total).

Also accompanying this application for filing is:

Assignment document, cover letter and \$40.00 fee for recordation of Assignment (2 sheets in total).

A certified copy of **Japanese** Application No. 2000-69973, filed **March 14, 2000**, will follow in due course, the priority of which is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

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The filing fee has been calculated as shown:

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Respectfully submitted,

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